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A lecture by

The Honourable Monique Bégin

Monday, 13 February 1989 at 2:00 p.m.
SCPA Basement Lounge
CI-Annex
2149 Mackay Street

Ms. Bégin is well qualified to speak about women's relationship with political power as she has played, in her full career, a pivotal role in the organization of women, as well as having actively participated in federal politics for over twelve years. Ms. Bégin was a founding member of the Fédération des Femmes du Québec, and served for three years as the Executive Secretary of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women in Canada. In 1972, she was elected to the House of Commons, thereby becoming the first woman from Québec to be elected to the Federal Parliament. She was re-elected in 1974, 1979 and in 1980. As a member of the federal government, Ms. Bégin served in various capacities, including the positions of Parliamentary Secretary to the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Minister of National Revenue, and Minister of National Health and Welfare. She provides a provocative and critical analysis of this experience in her book, *L'assurance-santé: Plaidoyer pour le modèle canadien*, Boréal, 1987 (English version recently published by Optimum Publishers). Upon leaving politics in 1984, Ms. Bégin re-entered the academic world and has since held positions at the University of Notre Dame and at McGill University. In 1986, she became the Joint Chair in Women Studies for Ottawa and Carleton Universities, a position which she continues to hold today. Ms. Bégin's wealth of experience and her personal contact with the political world gives her a privileged perspective from which to give an intelligent and perceptive appraisal on the topic of "Women and Political Power."

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